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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2007 10:03 AM
To: lepping@acsalaska.net
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2007 10:23 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Kyle & Molly Lepping

address: 11826 Wilderness Drive Anchorage AK 99516

907-245-1638

MESSAGE:

Hi Governor,

I saw you on the news tonight & it reminded me of a recent visit to the Anchorage International Airport in regards to "Welcoming our soldiers home".

When coming down the escalator from the North Terminal at AIP, there is a completely tiny sign saying, "Welcome home soldiers" or similar.

As I saw the sign I said to my wife, "Boy, if I was a soldier I wouldn't feel very welcome looking at that pathetic sign!"

She agreed completely with me.

So...my request is that you completely change the welcome sign to our Armed Forces by having something outstanding.

My wife thought of something like a flat-screen TV w/a video of you welcoming home our troops (or something artistic, personal & unique). Attention catching is the key - sorry I don't have a better idea, but hopefully this email will generate some ideas to really help our troops feel better.

I invite you to go to the AIP (or send an aide with a video cam) and check out what I mean - I think you'll agree.

Thanks for taking the time to read & consider this email. We appreciate all the good works you are doing for our great state.

Sincerely,

Kyle & Molly Lepping

lepping@acsalaska.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2007 10:01 AM
To: kcnr29@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2007 4:13 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Keith Hodson

address: 3/297 IN BN Aco APO AE AK 09330

MESSAGE:

Thank you so much for comming to visit us at Camp Buerhing last night. I was very impressed by the sincerity of your message to us. rnrnYou asked about more details about our poor training in Camp Shelby Mississippi. I don't care what that Genral said, the group that is replacing us is on the "new" 12 month deployment plan but they still had to spend 40 days in Camp Shelby. rnrnIf you respond to this, I will be happy to give you any details you want, about our poor taining and our deployment in general.rnrnI have some pitures of you during your meeting with us and a couple unique Alaska in Kuwait pictures if you would like them.rnrnThanks again,rnrnKeith HodsonrnNew Stuyahok,AK

kcnr29@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2007 9:53 AM
To: vappleg269@aol.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2007 7:43 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Ms. Vickie Clay

address: 600 Donna Dr Anchorage AK 99504

907-337-7551

MESSAGE:

Mam,rnI would like to encourage you to look at the state retirement benefits for Alaska Guardsmen who are also state employees. Unlike Federal employees, State employees are not allowed to purchase back their active military duty time to use toward state retirement benefits if they are using that same time toward a military retirement. State employees who choose not to join the guard are allowed to purchase their active duty military time back for state retirement. I feel this is a disservice to your guardsmen who are also state employees.rnPlease re-evaluate this situation and do the right thing for your guardsmen!rnrnVickie Clay - guardsman and state employee

vappleg269@aol.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2007 9:51 AM
To: zwhealth@aol.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2007 9:11 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Ms. Zulene Simmons

address: 19722 Lace Road Chugiak AK 99567

907 688 2559

MESSAGE:

Once again, I am sooooooo proud of you! I was just talking with Sean Thursday about some ways to help the military. I would be happy to work with the both of you on military affairs. I have been going to the Seward recreation camps since the 80's and they have made them so that they are nolonger for the "soldier" who is in the war. The are more for the retirees and upper ranks. The E1s to E4s can hardly afford to go there.

zwhealth@aol.com

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Kathy Hansen [seafa@gci.net]

Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2007 5:59 PM

To: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV)

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Subject: EPA Comments on incidental discharges

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance

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July 25, 2007

Water Docket Environmental Protection Agency
Mailcode: 2822T 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2007-0483

Sent by email to: ow-docket@epa.gov

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the early notification that EPA in response to a court case is developing NPDES permits under the clean water act for the discharge of pollutants incidental to the normal operation of vessels.

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) believes that if the EPA court appeal is not successful that the solution that should be pursued is legislation that provides EPA the statutory authority that EPA believed they had to exclude certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels from NPDES permitting for all the classes and discharges currently exempted.

Failing a statutory fix the only slightly plausible solution are general permits covering classes of vessels as currently used in some other situations. EPA needs to spend their time and resources on the issues that have a significant effect on the health of the water column such as ballast water and the spread of invasive species (non-native) that ballast water has caused, sewage from cruise ships and not the permitting of approximately 18 million vessels in the United States. EPA needs to spend their time and resource on issues and permits that make a difference and not incidental discharges, large volume discharges or if new information becomes available that a certain type of discharge is having a degrading effect on the environment work on that specifically and not permit vessels for the sake of developing a bureaucracy to issue permits.

The State of Alaska has 9,627 commercial fishing vessels registered by Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission in 2007 ranging in length from open skiffs 7 ft long to large vessels 635 feet long. These vessels participate in a variety of fisheries.

There are also over 69,000 recreational or non-commercial vessels registered in the State of Alaska not including small non-motorized vessels not requiring registration or documented vessels.

Your request asks for identification of data sources to use in the identification, categorization and description of the numbers and types of commercial and recreational vessels. Data sources in Alaska that could be used for this include the State of Alaska Dept of Motor Vehicles, State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, State of Alaska Dept of Fish and Game Sport Fish Division (charter vessels) and the United States Documentation Center.

Before permits are required, we request that the EPA conduct a cost benefit analysis of the enormous paperwork, manpower, and energy that would be required to conduct and enforce this level of regulations and proceed only with regulations that can be expected to provide a net benefit to the waters on which we depend for our livelihoods. There is not the infrastructure necessary to deal with the disposal of all the incidental discharges even if all the vessels were retrofitted to collect all discharge streams.

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance is a multi-gear membership based organization representing our members involved in the salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries of Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director